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**ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL No. 1305**

DIGEST OF HB 1305 (Updated March 18, 1999 11:10 am - DI 76)

Citations Affected: IC 35-38; IC 35-50.

Synopsis: Trafficking with an inmate. Allows a court to consider a person's employment at a penal facility as an aggravating circumstance or as favoring consecutive terms of imprisonment if the person committed trafficking with an inmate. Allows a person confined by the department of correction to earn additional credit time for the completion of a vocational education program or substance abuse program approved by the department. Requires earned credit time to be subtracted from the offender's minimum release date. (Current law provides for earned credit time to be subtracted from the sentence imposed for the offense by the court.) Repeals a provision that allows a trial court to reduce the sentence of an offender who completes a vocational education program, a substance abuse program, or another educational program other than one leading to a GED, a high school degree, an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

Smith V, Alderman

(SENATE SPONSORS — MEEKS R, ROGERS)

January 12, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.
February 15, 1999, reported — Do Pass.
February 18, 1999, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.
February 22, 1999, read third time, passed. Yeas 98, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

March 3, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures.
March 18, 1999, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1305

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 35-38-1-7.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 7.1. (a) In determining
3 what sentence to impose for a crime, the court shall consider:
4 (1) the risk that the person will commit another crime;
5 (2) the nature and circumstances of the crime committed;
6 (3) the person's:
7 (A) prior criminal record;
8 (B) character; and
9 (C) condition;
10 (4) whether the victim of the crime was less than twelve (12)
11 years of age or at least sixty-five (65) years of age;
12 (5) whether the person violated a protective order issued against
13 the person under IC 31-15 or IC 31-16 (or IC 31-1-11.5 before its
14 repeal) or IC 34-26-2 (or IC 34-4-5.1 before its repeal); and
15 (6) any oral or written statement made by a victim of the crime.
16 (b) The court may consider the following factors as aggravating

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1 circumstances or as favoring imposing consecutive terms of
2 imprisonment:

3 (1) The person has recently violated the conditions of any
4 probation, parole, or pardon granted to the person.

5 (2) The person has a history of criminal or delinquent activity.

6 (3) The person is in need of correctional or rehabilitative
7 treatment that can best be provided by commitment of the person
8 to a penal facility.

9 (4) Imposition of a reduced sentence or suspension of the
10 sentence and imposition of probation would depreciate the
11 seriousness of the crime.

12 (5) The victim of the crime was less than twelve (12) years of age
13 or at least sixty-five (65) years of age.

14 (6) The victim of the crime was mentally or physically infirm.

15 (7) The person committed a forcible felony while wearing a
16 garment designed to resist the penetration of a bullet.

17 (8) The person committed a sex crime listed in subsection (e) and:

18 (A) the crime created an epidemiologically demonstrated risk
19 of transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
20 and involved the sex organ of one (1) person and the mouth,
21 anus, or sex organ of another person;

22 (B) the person had knowledge that the person was a carrier of
23 HIV; and

24 (C) the person had received risk counseling as described in
25 subsection (g).

26 (9) The person committed an offense related to controlled
27 substances listed in subsection (f) if:

28 (A) the offense involved:

29 (i) the delivery by any person to another person; or

30 (ii) the use by any person on another person;

31 of a contaminated sharp (as defined in IC 16-41-16-2) or other
32 paraphernalia that creates an epidemiologically demonstrated
33 risk of transmission of HIV by involving percutaneous contact;

34 (B) the person had knowledge that the person was a carrier of
35 the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); and

36 (C) the person had received risk counseling as described in
37 subsection (g).

38 (10) The person committed the offense in an area of a
39 consolidated or second class city that is designated as a public
40 safety improvement area by the Indiana criminal justice institute
41 under IC 36-8-19.5.

42 (11) The injury to or death of the victim of the crime was the

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1 result of shaken baby syndrome (as defined in IC 16-41-40-2).

2 (12) Before the commission of the crime, the person administered
3 to the victim of the crime, without the victim's knowledge, a
4 sedating drug or a drug that had a hypnotic effect on the victim,
5 or the person had knowledge that such a drug had been
6 administered to the victim without the victim's knowledge.

7 **(13) The person:**

8 **(A) committed trafficking with an inmate under**
9 **IC 35-44-3-9; and**

10 **(B) is an employee of the penal facility.**

11 (c) The court may consider the following factors as mitigating
12 circumstances or as favoring suspending the sentence and imposing
13 probation:

14 (1) The crime neither caused nor threatened serious harm to
15 persons or property, or the person did not contemplate that it
16 would do so.

17 (2) The crime was the result of circumstances unlikely to recur.

18 (3) The victim of the crime induced or facilitated the offense.

19 (4) There are substantial grounds tending to excuse or justify the
20 crime, though failing to establish a defense.

21 (5) The person acted under strong provocation.

22 (6) The person has no history of delinquency or criminal activity,
23 or the person has led a law-abiding life for a substantial period
24 before commission of the crime.

25 (7) The person is likely to respond affirmatively to probation or
26 short term imprisonment.

27 (8) The character and attitudes of the person indicate that the
28 person is unlikely to commit another crime.

29 (9) The person has made or will make restitution to the victim of
30 the crime for the injury, damage, or loss sustained.

31 (10) Imprisonment of the person will result in undue hardship to
32 the person or the dependents of the person.

33 (11) The person was convicted of a crime involving the use of
34 force against a person who had repeatedly inflicted physical or
35 sexual abuse upon the convicted person and evidence shows that
36 the convicted person suffered from the effects of battery as a
37 result of the past course of conduct of the individual who is the
38 victim of the crime for which the person was convicted.

39 (d) The criteria listed in subsections (b) and (c) do not limit the
40 matters that the court may consider in determining the sentence.

41 (e) For the purposes of this article, the following crimes are
42 considered sex crimes:

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- 1 (1) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).
 2 (2) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2).
 3 (3) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).
 4 (4) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).
 5 (5) Prostitution (IC 35-45-4-2).
 6 (6) Patronizing a prostitute (IC 35-45-4-3).
 7 (7) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3).
 8 (8) Sexual misconduct with a minor under IC 35-42-4-9(a).
 9 (f) For the purposes of this article, the following crimes are
 10 considered offenses related to controlled substances:
 11 (1) Dealing in cocaine or a narcotic drug (IC 35-48-4-1).
 12 (2) Dealing in a schedule I, II, or III controlled substance (IC
 13 35-48-4-2).
 14 (3) Dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-3).
 15 (4) Dealing in a schedule V controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-4).
 16 (5) Possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug (IC 35-48-4-6).
 17 (6) Possession of a controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-7).
 18 (7) Dealing in paraphernalia (IC 35-48-4-8.5).
 19 (8) Possession of paraphernalia (IC 35-48-4-8.3).
 20 (9) Offenses relating to registration (IC 35-48-4-14).
 21 (g) For the purposes of this section, a person received risk
 22 counseling if the person had been:
 23 (1) notified in person or in writing that tests have confirmed the
 24 presence of antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus
 25 (HIV) in the person's blood; and
 26 (2) warned of the behavior that can transmit HIV.
 27 SECTION 2. IC 35-50-6-3.3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 3.3. (a) In addition to
 29 any credit time a person earns under **subsection (b) or** section 3 of this
 30 chapter, **and in addition to any reduction of sentence a person receives**
 31 **under ~~IC 35-38-1-23~~**, a person earns credit time if the person:
 32 (1) is in credit Class I;
 33 (2) has demonstrated a pattern consistent with rehabilitation; and
 34 (3) successfully completes requirements to obtain one (1) of the
 35 following:
 36 (A) A general educational development (GED) diploma under
 37 IC 20-10.1-12.1, if the person has not previously obtained a
 38 high school diploma.
 39 (B) A high school diploma.
 40 (C) An associate's degree from an approved institution of
 41 higher learning (as defined under IC 20-12-21-3).
 42 (D) A bachelor's degree from an approved institution of higher

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- 1 learning (as defined under IC 20-12-21-3).
- 2 (b) **In addition to any credit time that a person earns under**
- 3 **subsection (a) or section 3 of this chapter, a person may earn credit**
- 4 **time if, while confined by the department of correction, the person:**
- 5 (1) **is in credit Class I;**
- 6 (2) **demonstrates a pattern consistent with rehabilitation; and**
- 7 (3) **successfully completes requirements to obtain at least one**
- 8 (1) **of the following:**
- 9 (A) **A certificate of completion of a vocational education**
- 10 **program approved by the department of correction.**
- 11 (B) **A certificate of completion of a substance abuse**
- 12 **program approved by the department of correction.**
- 13 (c) **The department of correction shall establish admissions**
- 14 **criteria and other requirements for programs available for earning**
- 15 **credit time under subsection (b). A person may not earn credit time**
- 16 **under both subsection (a) and subsection (b) for the same program**
- 17 **of study.**
- 18 (d) **The amount of credit time a person may earn under this section**
- 19 **is the following:**
- 20 (1) **Six (6) months for completion of a state of Indiana general**
- 21 **educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1.**
- 22 (2) **One (1) year for graduation from high school.**
- 23 (3) **One (1) year for completion of an associate's degree.**
- 24 (4) **Two (2) years for completion of a bachelor's degree.**
- 25 (5) **Not more than a total of six (6) months of credit, as**
- 26 **determined by the department of correction, for the**
- 27 **completion of one (1) or more vocational education programs**
- 28 **approved by the department of correction.**
- 29 (6) **Not more than a total of six (6) months of credit, as**
- 30 **determined by the department of correction, for the**
- 31 **completion of one (1) or more substance abuse programs**
- 32 **approved by the department of correction.**
- 33 **However, a person who does not have a substance abuse problem**
- 34 **that qualifies the person to earn credit in a substance abuse**
- 35 **program may earn not more than a total of twelve (12) months of**
- 36 **credit, as determined by the department of correction, for the**
- 37 **completion of one (1) or more vocational education programs**
- 38 **approved by the department of correction. If a person earns more**
- 39 **than six (6) months of credit for the completion of one (1) or more**
- 40 **vocational education programs, the person is ineligible to earn**
- 41 **credit for the completion of one (1) or more substance abuse**
- 42 **programs.**

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1 ~~(e)~~ (e) Credit time earned by a person under this section is
2 subtracted from the period of imprisonment imposed on the person by
3 the sentencing court. **minimum release date of the sentence imposed**
4 **by the court.**

5 ~~(f)~~ (f) A person does not earn credit time under subsection (a)
6 unless the person completes at least a portion of the degree
7 requirements after June 30, 1993.

8 (g) **A person does not earn credit time under subsection (b)**
9 **unless the person completes at least a portion of the program**
10 **requirements after June 30, 1999.**

11 (h) **Subsection (e) applies only to programs initiated after**
12 **December 31, 1998. Credit time earned by a person under this**
13 **section for programs initiated before January 1, 1999, shall be**
14 **subtracted from the period of imprisonment imposed on the person**
15 **by the sentencing court.**

16 ~~(i)~~ (i) The maximum amount of credit time a person may earn under
17 this section is the lesser of:

18 (1) four (4) years; or

19 (2) one-third (1/3) of the person's total applicable credit time.

20 SECTION 3. IC 35-38-1-23 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
21 1999].

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred House Bill 1305, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

DVORAK, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures, to which was referred House Bill No. 1305, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 4, delete lines 26 through 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 35-50-6-3.3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 3.3. (a) In addition to any credit time a person earns under **subsection (b) or** section 3 of this chapter, ~~and in addition to any reduction of sentence a person receives under IC 35-38-1-23~~; a person earns credit time if the person:

- (1) is in credit Class I;
- (2) has demonstrated a pattern consistent with rehabilitation; and
- (3) successfully completes requirements to obtain one (1) of the following:

(A) A general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1, if the person has not previously obtained a high school diploma.

(B) A high school diploma.

(C) An associate's degree from an approved institution of higher learning (as defined under IC 20-12-21-3).

(D) A bachelor's degree from an approved institution of higher learning (as defined under IC 20-12-21-3).

(b) In addition to any credit time that a person earns under subsection (a) or section 3 of this chapter, a person may earn credit time if, while confined by the department of correction, the person:

- (1) is in credit Class I;**
- (2) demonstrates a pattern consistent with rehabilitation; and**
- (3) successfully completes requirements to obtain at least one (1) of the following:**

(A) A certificate of completion of a vocational education program approved by the department of correction.

(B) A certificate of completion of a substance abuse program approved by the department of correction.

(c) The department of correction shall establish admissions criteria and other requirements for programs available for earning credit time under subsection (b). A person may not earn credit time under both subsection (a) and subsection (b) for the same program of study.

(d) The amount of credit time a person may earn under this section



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is the following:

- (1) Six (6) months for completion of a state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1.
- (2) One (1) year for graduation from high school.
- (3) One (1) year for completion of an associate's degree.
- (4) Two (2) years for completion of a bachelor's degree.
- (5) Not more than a total of six (6) months of credit, as determined by the department of correction, for the completion of one (1) or more vocational education programs approved by the department of correction.**
- (6) Not more than a total of six (6) months of credit, as determined by the department of correction, for the completion of one (1) or more substance abuse programs approved by the department of correction.**

However, a person who does not have a substance abuse problem that qualifies the person to earn credit in a substance abuse program may earn not more than a total of twelve (12) months of credit, as determined by the department of correction, for the completion of one (1) or more vocational education programs approved by the department of correction. If a person earns more than six (6) months of credit for the completion of one (1) or more vocational education programs, the person is ineligible to earn credit for the completion of one (1) or more substance abuse programs.

(e) Credit time earned by a person under this section is subtracted from the period of imprisonment imposed on the person by the sentencing court: minimum release date of the sentence imposed by the court.

(f) A person does not earn credit time under subsection (a) unless the person completes at least a portion of the degree requirements after June 30, 1993.

(g) A person does not earn credit time under subsection (b) unless the person completes at least a portion of the program requirements after June 30, 1999.

(h) Subsection (e) applies only to programs initiated after December 31, 1998. Credit time earned by a person under this section for programs initiated before January 1, 1999, shall be subtracted from the period of imprisonment imposed on the person by the sentencing court.

(i) The maximum amount of credit time a person may earn under this section is the lesser of:

- (1) four (4) years; or



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(2) one-third (1/3) of the person's total applicable credit time.
SECTION 3. IC 35-38-1-23 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1305 as printed February 16, 1999.)

MEEKS R, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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